

A 14 year old presents having taken an overdose of 25 paracetamol/ she has had her blood taken and her paracetamol levels are high enough to warrant treatment. She is now refusing treatment. Assess her capacity to refuse treatment

Washed hands	
Introduces self	
Checked identity of patient	
Verbal consent	
Tries to get patient to involve parents	
Checked details of overdose	
Timing	
Amount	
 Any other substances 	
 Intention 	
 Suicidal ideation 	
 Whether patient got help themselves 	
Brief check	
PMHx	
DHx	
Allergies	
SHx	
 Smoking 	
 Alcohol 	
Elicit substances	
Inform patient about what could happen without	
treatment	
Check patient understands what treatment will	
involve	
Checks patient belief of facts	
Checks retention of information	
Able to weigh up information and come to	
decision	
Again tries to involve parents	
Identify problem with dad	
Identifies that she is worried about being	
pregnant	
Addresses pregnancy issues – offers test	
Persuades patient to have Rx	
Happy for her to contact mum only	
Thanks patient for her trust	
Patient global score	

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